

Rape & Pillage Vidgame Yanked

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The controversial adult videogame "Custer's Revenge" has been pulled from the market because of the distributor's concern over charges that the game depicts rape and a racist attitude toward American Indians.

Gamesource, a Canoga Park-based company that has taken over distribution of the series of games that includes "Custer's," says the adult product wasn't intended to symbolize violence against women or racism, but that the growing controversy about the game has convinced the company to yank it.

"Custer's" has motivated legislative resolutions in Los Angeles County, New York's Suffolk County, and Canada. The proposals explore various levels of local control over vidgames, and call for legal research into the constitutionality of the controls. To date, no such laws have been put into effect, according to Gamesource.

Company spokesman Richard Miller expressed hope that the controversy stirred by "Custer's" hasn't created an atmosphere in which citizen groups and governments attempt to ban other vidgames. Some of the government ordinances that have been proposed would restrict other vidgame titles, especially "violent" games, according to Miller.